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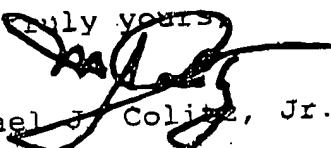
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## STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a formal status inquiry with respect to the above captioned application. Applicant, through applicant's attorney, wishes to know when a First Office Action on the above captioned application will be issued. Applicant kindly requests that the subject application be acted upon as soon as possible.

If the Patent Office is of the opinion that direct contact with applicant's attorney would expedite the First Office Action in the process of this application, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned collect at 727-586-2570.

Very truly yours,  
  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing status inquiry letter for U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/827,024, filed 04/05/2001, is being submitted by U.S. Mail with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 12th day of December, 2001.

  
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